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SUBJECT: Single Manager Responsibility for Joint Service Military Diving  
Technology and Training (MDT&T)

References: (a) Title 10, United States Code

(b) DoD Directive 5000.1, "Defense Acquisition," March 15, 1996

(c) DoD 5000.2-R, "Mandatory Procedures for Major Defense  
Acquisition Programs (MDAP) and Major Automated Information  
System (MAIS) Acquisition Programs," March 15, 1996

## 1. PURPOSE

This Directive, under reference (a), establishes policy and consolidates responsibilities for DoD diving technology and training, including diving research and development, joint acquisition programs for diving tools and equipment, diving procedures, and common-type diver training.

## 2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Unified Combatant Commands (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components"). The term "Military Services," as used herein, refers to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Marine Corps.

## 3. DEFINITIONS

3.1. Common-Type Training. The training in diving procedures conducted at DoD-approved diving schools that is applicable to two or more Military Services and

U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) in the normal execution of their assigned missions. Training that is unique to USSOCOM, regardless of the Military Service affiliation of the trainees, is not included.

3.2. Diving Tools and Equipment. Diving-specific tools and equipment developed for use by qualified diving personnel. Excluded are tools and equipment that are developed for unique diving applications by or for a single Military Service or USSOCOM.

3.3. Joint Acquisition Programs. Any DoD acquisition system, subsystem, or technology program that involves formal management or funding by more than one DoD Component during any phase of its life cycle.

#### 4. POLICY

It is DoD policy that:

4.1. The Joint Service MDT&T Program shall be established to:

4.1.1. Improve the effectiveness and economy of diving activities throughout the Department of Defense by eliminating duplication of diving technology and training efforts.

4.1.2. Ensure that the Department of Defense has the required emergency and wartime diving technology and training.

4.2. A single manager for diving technology and training shall be assigned within the Department of Defense, and shall manage and administer the Joint Service MDT&T Program. That includes joint diving research and development, joint acquisition programs for diving tools and equipment, diving procedures, and common-type training. The Military Services and USSOCOM may conduct diving-related research, development, and acquisition programs; develop diving procedures; and conduct diver training that satisfies Service-unique or Special Operations Forces (SOF)-unique requirements. Those activities shall be coordinated with the Joint Service MDT&T Program Board before starting to ensure that they do not duplicate Joint Service MDT&T Program efforts.

4.3. Since the diving community is a small community requiring unique technologies, the Single Manager, the Military Services, and USSOCOM are encouraged to develop state-of-the-art technologies, use rapid prototyping capabilities,

and emphasize streamlined procurement procedures, including procurement of commercial items consistent with the requirements of DoD Directive 5000.1 and DoD 5000.2-R, references (b) and (c).

4.4. This Directive does not modify existing responsibilities and authorities for diving operations, team training, safety and equipment certification, nor does it effect the responsibilities of the Military Services and USSOCOM to satisfy their unique requirements, except as provided in subsection 4.2. above.

## 5. RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, under the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, shall:

5.1.1. Serve as the OSD proponent for DoD diving matters.

5.1.2. Serve as the OSD point of contact (POC) for the Executive Manager, the Joint Service MDT&T Program Board, the Military Services, USSOCOM, and the Secretary of the Navy on diving issues.

5.1.3. Coordinate Joint Service MDT&T issues with other offices in the OSD having collateral or related responsibilities.

5.2. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence shall take part in the identification and review of research, development and acquisition programs.

5.3. The Secretary of the Navy shall:

5.3.1. Serve as the DoD Single Manager for Military Diving Technology and Training.

5.3.2. Designate and oversee a flag officer or civilian equivalent as the Executive Manager for Joint Service MDT&T.

5.3.3. Prepare, in cooperation with the other Military Departments and USSOCOM, Joint Service diving plans for the expansion of training and the use of military diving technology and training resources during war or national emergency, consistent with allocations approved by the Secretary of Defense.

5.3.4. Ensure that the Executive Manager for Joint Service MDT&T:

5.3.4.1. Serves as the primary POC in the Department of Defense for military diving technology and training.

5.3.4.2. Develops and maintains joint diving research and development programs, joint acquisition programs for diving tools and equipment, diving procedures, and common-type training.

5.3.4.3. Oversees all common-type training for divers in the Continental United States for foreign military students.

5.3.4.4. Chairs the Joint Service MDT&T Program Board.

5.3.4.5. Appoints the Chair for the Military Technical Acceptance Board (MTAB).

5.3.4.6. Appoints the Chair for the Technical Training Acceptance Board (TTAB).

5.3.4.7. Prepares and submits to the Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Navy, annual plans and programs in support of Joint Service MDT&T.

5.4. The Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Commander in Chief, U.S. Special Operations Command, shall:

5.4.1. Designate, from each Military Service and USSOCOM, a civilian or military representative to be a member of the Joint Service MDT&T Program Board. That representative also shall be responsible for identifying Service or SOF diving requirements and shall assist in programming to fulfill those requirements. In accordance with Section 167 of reference (a), USSOCOM shall program and fund only SOF-unique diving requirements and programs.

5.4.2. Designate, from each Military Service and USSOCOM, a civilian or military representative to be a member of the MTAB.

5.4.3. Designate, from each Military Service and USSOCOM, a civilian or military representative to be a member of the TTAB.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.

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John P. White  
Deputy Secretary of Defense

Enclosures - 1

1. Responsibilities of MDT&T Boards

## E1. ENCLOSURE 1

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF MDT&T BOARDS

E1.1. The Joint Service MDT&T Program Board shall be comprised of representatives from each of the Military Services and USSOCOM and shall:

E1.1.1. Convene, as required.

E1.1.2. Serve as the focal point for military diving requirements and issues.

E1.1.3. Undertake resolution of Joint Service MDT&T requirements and issues for the diving community.

E1.1.4. Provide guidance to the MTAB and the TTAB. Forward the Military Services' and USSOCOM's diving requirements to the MTAB and the TTAB.

E1.1.5. Receive and act on recommendations from the MTAB and the TTAB.

E1.1.6. Submit recommendations for changes to the common-type training curriculum, through the Executive Manager, to Director of Naval Training, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, for approval.

E1.1.7. Negotiate the annual program content and budget. Joint diving acquisition programs shall be funded in accordance with DoD 5000.2-R (reference (c)).

E1.2. The MTAB shall be comprised of members from each of the Military Services and USSOCOM and shall:

E1.2.1. Convene, as required.

E1.2.2. Develop joint research, development and acquisition programs and diving procedures meeting the common requirements of the Military Services and USSOCOM.

E1.2.3. Present proposed joint diving research, development and acquisition programs and diving procedures to the Joint Service MDT&T Program Board.

E1.3. The TTAB shall be comprised of members from each of the Military Services and USSOCOM and shall:

E1.3.1. Convene, as required.

E1.3.2. Provide input and recommended changes to the common-type training curriculum to the Joint Service MDT&T Program Board.